	City Council Meeting January 2, 2024 - 7:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! Watch the meeting video Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Larry Brown, Hanan Amer, Kate Baldwin, Clinton Taylor, and Tracy Taylor. Councilmembers Cheryl Rakes, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel were excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation Daryl Faber, Outside Counsel Bob Sterbank, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Tamil Heritage Month

Mayor Backus proclaimed January 2024 as "Tamil Heritage Month" in the City of Auburn.

B. National Day of Racial Healing

Mayor Backus proclaimed January 16, 2024 as National Day of Racial

Healing in the City of Auburn.

C. Police Promotional Ceremony (Caillier)

Chief Caillier gave Jason Shultz his Oath of Honor as Sergeant during the Promotional Ceremony.

VI. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A. Executive Session

Mayor Backus recessed into an executive session at 7:13 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price and per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) to discuss litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity; or litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency for 20 minutes. Mayor, City Council, Senior City Staff Attorney Doug Ruth, Real Estate Manager Josh Arndt, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, and Outside Counsel Bob Sterbank from Foster Garvey were required to attend.

Mayor Backus reconvened the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

VII. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue.

1. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance.

No one came forward to speak.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

VIII. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Ad Hoc Committee Chairs may report on the status of their ad hoc Council Committees' progress on assigned tasks and may give their recommendation to the City Council, if any.

1. Finance Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Baldwin)

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair of the Finance Ad Hoc Committee, reported she reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers described on the agenda this evening and recommended their approval.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

A. Minutes of the December 18, 2023, City Council Meeting

B. Claims Vouchers (Thomas)

Claims voucher list dated December 27, 2023 which includes voucher number 474429 through 474568, in the amount of \$6,596,184.09, four electronic fund transfers in the amount of \$338.63, and three wire transfers in the amount of \$217,677.57

C. Payroll Voucher (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 539550 through 539554 in the amount of \$766,035.84, electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$2,417,513.96, and also a special payroll for Unsubstantiated VEBA claims with electronic deposit transmission in the amount of \$2,229.30 for a grand total of \$3,185,779.10 for the period covering December 14, 2023 to December 27, 2023

Deputy Mayor Brown moved and Councilmember C. Taylor seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Focus Area Assignment (Council)

Deputy Mayor Brown explained the four Special Focus Areas per the Council Rules. He recommended the following Chair's and Vice Chair's for each Special Focus Area.

Community Wellness

Chair: Councilmember Trout-Manuel

Vice Chair: Councilmember C. Taylor

Finance and Internal Services

Chair: Councilmember Baldwin

Vice Chair: Councilmember Amer

Public Works & Community Development

Chair: Councilmember T. Taylor

Vice Chair: Deputy Mayor Brown

Municipal Services

Chair: Councilmember Rakes

Vice Chair: Councilmember Amer

Deputy Mayor Brown moved and Councilmember Baldwin seconded to adopt the 2024 Special Focus Area Chair and Vice Chair Assignments.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

XII. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5751 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Auburn and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the conveyance of interest real estate

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5751.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

B. Resolution No. 5752 (Boesche)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Temporary Construction Easement between the City of Auburn and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority over City-Owned Property located at 11 A Street NW

Councilmember Kate Baldwin moved and Councilmember Tracy Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5752.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

C. Resolution No. 5754 (Boesche)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a second amendment to an agreement between the City of Auburn and Totem Logistics, Inc. related to Garbage/Waste Cleanup Services

Councilmember Baldwin moved and Deputy Mayor Brown seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5754.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

D. Resolution No. 5755 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and administer an agreement accepting a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for the Lea Hill Safe Routes to School Project

Deputy Mayor Larry Brown moved and Councilmember Amer seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5755.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor Brown expressed appreciation for the new Councilmembers.

Councilmember Amer expressed appreciation to the Staff for their help on onboarding.

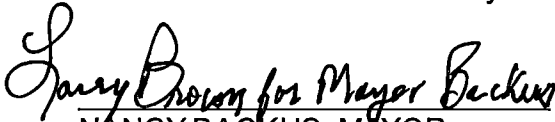
B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus no report.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of January, 2024.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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